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# PATENT

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In re the application of:  
John R. Milton

**Confirmation: 1142**

**Serial Number: 09/738,208**

Art Unit: 2176

**Filing Date: 12/15/2000**

**Examiner:** Tran, Quoc A.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRUNING AN ARTICLE.

**Docket No.: 10005368-1**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 4, 2005**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Sir:**

In regard to the outstanding nonfinal Office Action mailed on January 4, 2005, Applicant submits the following Response.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

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PATENT APPLICATION

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(X) Response/Amendment

(X) Petition to extend time to respond

(X) New fee as calculated below

( ) Supplemental Declaration

( ) No additional fee

( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	18	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$200	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00	2ND MONTH \$450.00	3RD MONTH \$1020.00	4TH MONTH \$1590.00		\$ 120
	X					
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 120

Charge \$ 120 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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